



KY Tech-Garrard Co. ATC team wins 2011 Ford AAA

The 2011 Ford/AAA Auto Skills State Competition was held on April 15, 2011 at Heritage Hall in Lexington, KY. A total of 10 two-member student teams competed for the prize of going to Detroit, Michigan for the national event. This year, all winners were from KY Tech area technology centers including KY Tech-Garrard Co. ATC, 1st place; KY Tech-Lee Co. ATC, 2nd place; and KY Tech-Bullitt Co. ATC, 3rd place.

*At right: KY Tech – Garrard Co. ATC team.
Michael Armstrong, teacher and advisor.
Team: Clayton Hulett and Roy Davis*



The competitive is comprised of both skills and written tests. All teams were assigned the same vehicle to correct a number of identical bugs during a timed round of 90 minutes.

Winners were chosen based on being able to “debug” the vehicle and their scores on the written ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) test.



2nd Place – KY Tech Lee Co. ATC team
John Lucas, teacher and advisor.



“It was another excellent competition, and the students proved themselves quite capable as usual. An interesting twist this year was the fact that many of the students had not had any exposure to the new model Mustang that they were going to be competing on,” said Todd Nickens, OCTE academic consultant for transportation programs. “Very few, if any, were available for the students to practice on, which made the contest even more impressive. This was an unknown vehicle to practically all of them, and all the schools excelled in diagnosing and repairing their competition vehicles. I always enjoy working and supporting this competition. There is no other quite like it.”

National competition will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn, Michigan from June 12-15, 2011. KY Tech-Garrard Co. ATC will represent Kentucky.



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*3rd – KY Tech-Bullitt Co. ATC
Brian Dugan, teacher and advisor*